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The Honorable Glenn Youngkin
Governor of Virginia
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia, 23219

Dear Governor Youngkin,

As you are aware, the General Assembly provided \$100.0 million for the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund to support planning grants, startup costs, and per-pupil costs for institutions that qualify as "college partnership laboratory schools." The purpose of this letter is to clarify the legislative intent regarding the eligible institutions for the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund.

In Chapter 2 of the Acts of Assembly, 2022 Special Session 1, Enactment 19 amends and reenacts the definition of "college partnership laboratory schools" in §22.1-349.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia*. This enactment was included as Amendment #33 of your recommended amendments to the enrolled Appropriation Act and passed by both chambers of the General Assembly on June 17, 2022.

This amendment could be construed as conflicting with Item 137 C.44.f of the enrolled Appropriation Act, which also provided a definition for such schools and was passed by both chambers on June 1, 2022, prior to your proposed amendment. As is evidenced by the lengthy debate surrounding your Amendment #33, we intended to amend the definition of "college partnership laboratory school" in accordance with your amendment, which was passed subsequent to the definition provided in Item 137 C.44.f.

This clarification should resolve any ambiguities regarding the definition of a "college partnership laboratory school" and the distribution of funds to the now eligible institutions. Please let my staff know if you have any other questions or concerns regarding the appropriation for the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund.

With Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry D. Knight".

Barry D. Knight, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee